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2012 INFANTRY SOLDIER SILVER DOLLAR

On June 14, 1775, the Second Continental Congress authorized the formation of 10 companies of light infantry, creating the first elements of what we now know as the United States Armed Forces. From the beginning, the Infantry has borne the brunt of sacrifice for securing and protecting the freedoms of this Nation, our friends and allies. The Infantry is the "boots on the ground," armed with both rifle and bayonet, and owns the last 100 yards of the battlefield. The Infantry's seven values mirror the Army's: Honor, Integrity, Duty, Selfless Service, Personal Courage, Loyalty and Respect.

The 2012 Infantry Soldier Silver Dollar coin designs are emblematic of the courage, pride, sacrifice, sense of duty and history of the Infantry.

The obverse (heads side) design features a modern Infantry soldier on rocky



ground charging forward and beckoning to the troops to follow, symbolizing the "Follow Me" motto of the Infantry. Inscriptions are *LIBERTY, IN GOD WE TRUST* and 2012. The representation of the contemporary Soldier captures the essence of the Infantry's motto.

The reverse (tails) design features the crossed rifles insignia, the branch insignia of the Infantry. Inscriptions are *UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ONE DOLLAR* and *E PLURIBUS UNUM*. The insignia is a universally recognizable symbol of the Infantry, as all members wear it.

The National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center Commemorative Coin Act,



Public Law 110-357, signed into law by the President on October 8, 2008, requires the Secretary of the Treasury to strike and offer for sale up to 350,000 silver dollar coins in commemoration of the legacy of the United States Army Infantry and the establishment of the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center.

A surcharge of \$10 per coin is authorized to be paid to the National Infantry Foundation. Sales for the 2012 Infantry Soldier Silver Dollar begin February 16, 2012, at noon Eastern Time. Introductory pricing ends Monday, March 19, 2012, at 5pm. For more information, please visit www.usmint.gov.

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FISHER HOUSE FOUNDATION

Fisher House Foundation, which constructs comfort homes to provide free, temporary housing to the families of service members receiving medical care at VA and military hospitals around the world, today announced its Hero Miles program, only seven years old, supplied 5,340 airline tickets to military families in 2011, an increase of 91% over the previous year. The tickets were valued at more than \$7.8 million, a direct savings to the families of our military wounded or killed in the course of serving our country.

“The growth of this program is simply astonishing,” said Ken Fisher, Chairman & CEO of Fisher House. “We’re proud to have been able to help these families in a time of great need and alleviate what may have been a huge financial burden for them. These tickets took families across the country and around the world at a critical time in their lives. Our only hope is that one day we won’t need this program anymore, because the families won’t need it.”

The Hero Miles program was started in 2004, and provides military members, their family and/or friends with complimentary round-trip airfare, sending them to the bedside of our injured service members recovering

at a military medical health care facility or Veterans Affairs medical center. Fisher House Foundation has partnered with the following airlines: AirTran Airways, Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, Continental Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Frontier Airlines, and U.S. Airways.

The program distributed 2,651 tickets in 2008; 2,783 tickets in 2009; 2,800 tickets in 2010; and 5,349 tickets in 2011, which represents a 91% increase from 2010 to 2011.

A video on the impact of the program is here: <http://tiny.cc/dqegp>.

Find Fisher House Foundation on facebook and YouTube an at @fisherhousefdtn on twitter.

About Fisher House
Fisher House Foundation is best known for the network of comfort homes built on the grounds of major military and VA medical centers. The Fisher Houses are 5,000 to 16,800 square-foot homes, donated to the military and Department of Veterans Affairs, where families can stay while a loved one is receiving treatment. Additionally, the Foundation ensures that families of service men and women wounded in Iraq or

Afghanistan are not burdened with unnecessary expense during a time of crisis.

Located in close proximity to the medical center or hospital it serves, each Fisher House consists of between 8 and 21 suites, with private bedrooms and baths. Families share a common kitchen, laundry facilities, spacious dining room and an inviting living room with a library and toys for children. Fisher House Foundation ensures that there is no fee to stay in a Fisher House. Since inception, the program has saved military and veteran families an estimated \$182 million in out of pocket costs for lodging and transportation.

Fisher House Foundation operates the Hero Miles Program, using donated frequent flyer miles to bring family members to the bedside of injured service members. To date, Hero Miles has provided over 26,000 airline tickets to our military and their families. The Foundation also manages a grant program that supports other military charities and scholarship funds for military children, spouses and children of fallen and disabled veterans

A SOLDIER'S PRAYER

Lord, bless the Wives who grieve alone.

And bless the Mothers who mourn their own.

Give solace to the Fathers who lost their sons On foreign shores and in places unknown.

Lord, strengthen the resolve of we who remain

To see that they did not die in vain.

By: Major General James B. Middleton

ROLL CALL

We thought of you with love today, But that is nothing new.	Last Name	First Name	Branch	Rank	Date of Death
	Aubin	Jay	USMC	Capt	3/20/2003
	Barton	Tilford	USA	SGT	03/01/2006
	Bowles	Timothy	SSgt	USAF	03/15/2009
We thought about you yester- day, And days before that too.	Brevard	Christopher	SFC	USA	03/10/2008
	Buel	Charles	USA	BG	03/15/2002
	Centanni	Rick	USMC	LCpl	03/24/2010
	Cimarrusti	Ernesto	USA	SSG	03/10/2008
	Clark	Robert	USA	SPC	03/26/2011
We think of you in silence,	Duenas	Joseph	USA	PFC	03/30/2006
We often speak your name.	Feldhaus	Dustin	USA	PFC	03/29/2011
	Gambles	Jason	USA	PFC	03/15/2009
	Hall	Eric	USA	SSG	03/20/2002
	Hardt	Adam	USA	PFC	03/22/2009
Now all we have are memo- ries, And your picture in a frame.	Kasson	Darrel	AZARNG	SSG	03/04/2007
	Kiehl	James	USA	SPC	03/23/2003
	Koch	Matthew	USA	SPC	03/09/2005
	Laramore	Tracy	USA	SPC	03/17/2004
	Manning	David	USA	SGT	03/16/2003
Your memory is our keep- sake, With which we'll never part	Martone	Justin	USMC	GySgt	03/07/2006
	Mayerscik	Shawn	USA	PFC	03/11/2003
	McNary	Robbie	USA	SFC	03/31/2005
	Neely	Richard	USA	SFC	03/10/2004
	Oberg	Christopher	AZARNG	PFC	03/06/2010
	Padilla-Ramirez	Fernando	Sgt	USMC	03/28/2003
God has you in His keeping	Piestewa	Lori	USA	PFC	03/23/2003
We have you in our Heart.	Pulaski	Jeremiah	USA	SPC	03/26/2011
-Author Unknown	Slenk	Paul	USA	PV2	03/23/2006
	Samten	Tenzin	USA	PFC	03/12/2008
	Wade	Andrew	USA	SPC	03/07/2011
	Warfield	James	USMC	LCpl	03/25/2011
	Wells	Mark	USA	SSG	03/05/2011
	Whetten	Glen	USA	SFC	03/12/2010
	Williams	Mike	USMC	LCpl	03/23/2003
	Wilson	Nicholas	USA	SPC	03/11/2005

FALLEN PATRIOT FUND

The Fallen Patriot Fund of the Mark Cuban Foundation was established to help families of U.S. military personnel who were killed or seriously injured during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Financial resources are vital to enhancing the sustainability of the family unit who has suffered a loss because their loved one sacrificed him/herself for freedom.

Within that group, grant recipients will be selected in accordance with criteria established by The Mark Cuban Foundation. All proceeds will be disbursed.

For more information:

<http://www.fallenpatriotfund.org/index.html>

HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW

A female sparrow is injured and the condition is soon fatal. She was hit by a car as she swooped low across the road.

Her mate brought her food and attended to her with love and compassion. He brought her food again but was shocked to find her dead. He tried to move her ... A rarely-seen effort for swallows! Aware that his sweetheart is dead and will never come back to him again, he cries. He stood beside her, saddened of her death. Finally aware she would never return to him, he stood beside her body with sadness and sorrow.

Millions of people cried after seeing these photos in America, Europe, Australia, and even India.

The photographer sold these pictures for a nominal fee to the most famous newspaper in France. All copies of that edition were sold out on the day these pictures were published.

And many people think animals don't have brains or feelings? You have just witnessed Love and Sorrow felt by God's creatures. The Bible says God knows when a sparrow falls.

How much more He cares for us.

Live simply, love generously, care deeply and speak kindly. Grace is God reaching down. Faith is man doing what God wants us to do, without questioning it.

Contributed by:

Dr. John South, Chaplain, Colonel, USA (Ret) Army Reserve Ambassador



FRANK MOLINAR-FINANCIAL COUNSELOR

A Special Opportunity to Check Your Credit Report **and** Score for Free.

Credit is the only way for a stranger to look at your life and determine if you can be trusted, relied upon. It matters when we apply for loans, jobs, and even insurance... it's not the most important piece of our financial lives, but it is an important one.

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The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) is providing the opportunity to check your credit score and credit analysis free of charge.

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To take advantage go to: www.saveandinvest.org/militarycenter, click on "Free Credit Score & Analysis", then click on "Register for Your Free FICO Credit Score" button, and on the next screen, where it asks for your Financial Educator Code, put in NEU2BWJJ.

If you want help understanding your credit report or score, schedule a visit with our Per-

sonal Financial Consultant, Frank Molinar by calling 602.769.3344.

We're trustworthy, responsible. Good credit is an important piece of our financial lives and Frank can help you keep that.



The Kenny Schall Memorial Scholarship Fund



*In the 18 months that Kenny served in the Army, his list of achievements and medals is long. He was promoted to Sgt. and was decorated with **The Bronze Star, Purple Heart and Meritorious Service Medal.** We are so very proud of him.*

“Freedom is not free – your son is truly a hero and has given his life for all of us – many... take their freedom for granted so much of the time...” words written about Sgt. Kenneth J. Schall...Kenny’s bravery and willingness to serve will never be forgotten.

Kenny was born and raised in Peoria, AZ where he attended Centennial H.S. and Glendale C.C. He is not just another name or face in the crowd, he is an American Hero who felt a sense of duty after 9/11 to protect his family, friends and his country and joined the Army. Kenny gave his life for those things he loved most when, at the age of 22, he was killed in Iraq on May 22, 2005.

Kenny’s one true passion in life was golf. He led his team at Centennial to State his senior year. He holds the record for most matches won in a single year, with five. He was awarded a partial scholarship to play golf at G.C.C. where he was studying to become a High School History teacher.

To honor Kenny, we have established a scholarship fund in his name to help kids that Kenny so wanted to teach. To help raise funds we will be holding the 7th Annual Kenny Schall Memorial Golf Tournament at The Legend at Arrowhead C.C. on Saturday April 21, 2012. So far we have held eight very successful tournaments, six in Phoenix and two in Prescott. We have been able to award scholarships to 20 students. This is a feat that we are very proud of and we know that Kenny would be as well. We want this tribute to Kenny to grow for years to come.

We are seeking companies or individuals to sponsor our tournament. This would be a great opportunity to show your community support. We are proud to offer 4 levels of sponsorships. Please fill out the attached form and mail it to the address listed.

A significant portion of our fund-raising comes from the silent auction and raffle that we hold during the tournament. We are also seeking donations of items, gift certificates and coupons. We also need items for the golfers’ goodie bags. There are no items too big or small.

We would be honored to have you participate as a sponsor, donor or even a golfer for this worthy event. Please fill out the forms and notify us when items are ready to be picked up. We look forward to your involvement in our tournament.

Thank you so much for your interest and support.



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HERO MILES PROGRAM

With your support, we have provided more than 26,000 tickets to wounded, injured, and ill service members and their families, worth over \$42 million (average savings per ticket is currently about \$1,400).

The nonprofit Fisher House Foundation administers the "Hero Miles" program for the Department of Defense in accordance with Public Law 108-375, Section 585, the FY 05 Defense Authorization Act. The program is comprised of individual airlines whose passengers donate their frequent flyer miles to assist service members and their families. Specifically, Fisher House Foundation provides free airline tickets to wounded, injured, and ill military men and women who are undergoing treatment at a military or VA medical center and to attend authorized events.

There are two categories of eligible recipients:

Service men and women with approved leave may be given a free round trip airline ticket for a trip from the medical center to their home or authorized event and return if they are not eligible for government funded airfare.

Qualifying service men and women may be given free round trip airline tickets to enable their family or close friends to visit them while they are being treated at the medical center.

ASSISTANCE

Fisher House is proud to partner with the following major airlines in support of our wounded, injured and ill service men and women and their families:

- Air Tran
- Alaska Airlines
- American Airlines

- Continental Airlines
- Frontier
- United
- U.S. Airways
- Delta Air Lines

HOW TO DONATE

AirTran Airways

[Donate A+ Rewards credits online](#) (requires login and password). Select the "request rewards" link and enter the number of A+ Rewards credits to donate under "Fisher House Hero Miles" OR call 1-888-3-APLUS-8.

Alaska Airlines

Call Mileage Plan @ 1-800-654-5669.

American Airlines

Email full name, AAdvantage Account Number, Number of Miles to donate, phone number, and email address to HeroMiles@aa.com OR send a fax to 817-963-7882 using the form found at aa.com/heromiles

Continental Airlines

[Donate miles online](#) (requires account number and PIN) OR contact OnePass Service Center at 713-952-1630 OR written Request - requires account number and PIN, if no PIN include copy of Driver's license or passport.

Delta Air Lines

The donation account is sufficient to meet the current need. Delta Air Lines would like to thank SkyMiles members for their generosity.

Frontier Airlines

Call EasyReturns desk at 866-263-2759. Have account information available

Midwest Airlines

Midwest Airlines has merged with Frontier Airlines. See Frontier above.

Northwest Airlines

Northwest Airlines has merged with Delta Air Lines. See Delta above.

United Airlines

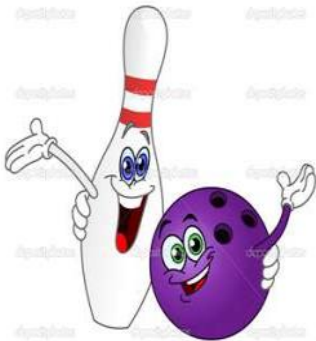
Call 1-800-421-4655. Have account information available

US Airways (now merged with America West Airlines)

[Donate Miles online](#)

Be sure to fill in the bubble beside "Fisher House Foundation-Hero Miles". Complete the rest of the form - then SUBMIT.

FORT HUACHUCA EVENTS



SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES (SOS) FAMILY FUN DAY!



ALL SOS Families come and strike up some fun! Bring your kid(s)! Meals and beverages will be provided along with free bowling!

**At Desert Bowling Lanes Party Room
(52010 N. Arizona Street
Fort Huachuca, AZ).**

Saturday, March 24th 1230 hours-1600 hours.

Please RSVP by March 16th by calling Alma Estrada at 520-533-6879.



FORT HUACHUCA SOS SUPPORT GROUPS:

3/9/2012 at 1130 hours Elks Lodge 1 Elks Lane Sierra Vista, Arizona
4/13/2012 at 1130 hours Elks Lodge 1 Elks Lane Sierra Vista, Arizona
5/4/2012 at 1130 hours Elks Lodge 1 Elks Lane Sierra Vista, Arizona

PIMA COUNTY SOS SUPPORT GROUPS:

No Support Group in Tucson in March---SOS Family Fun Day
4/20/2012 at 1530 hours Arizona State Veteran Home 555 E Ajo Way (Middle, huge building) Tucson, Arizona
5/18/2012 at 1530 hours Arizona State Veteran Home 555 E Ajo Way (Middle, huge building) Tucson, Arizona

APRIL'S CAMP PAZ WEEKEND

What do you say to a child grieving the loss of loved one?

This is one of the questions asked when a loved one dies. Children grieve differently than adults and their grief process is sometimes misunderstood. Often children learn best from other children who share their experience.

Stepping Stones of Hope brings children and their families together to do just that share their experience. CAMP PAZ is an overnight camp reaching out to grieving children, ages 6-17, and their families to provide a neutral and safe environment where friendships are created and healing can take place. At CAMP PAZ, children learn they are not alone and realize their feelings are normal.

What: Camp Paz for Kids and Camp Paz for Grown-Ups
When: April 21– 22, 2012
Location: Whispering Hope Ranch, Payson, AZ
Cost: \$50.00 per camper

Transportation is not provided. (Partial scholarships are available)

Registration fee includes lodging, food, activities and take home items.

Thanks to Western Refining for their support of this camp!

Register for CAMP PAZ online at www.steppingstonesofhope.org or call

Stepping Stones of Hope at (602) 264-7520

Email: info@steppingstonesofhope.org

Stepping Stones of Hope is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization #42-1556863.

Stepping Stones of Hope
4000 N. 7th Street, Suite #108
Phoenix, Arizona 85014

West Valley Support Group:

- 8 March 2012 at 6pm
- 10 May 2012 at 6pm
- 14 June 2012 at 6pm

Upcoming Events:

- “SPRING FLING” tentatively 21 April 2012 at 12pm

Upcoming Prescott Support Group:

- Thursday, 15 March 2012 at 6pm
- Location will be at Yavapai Community College at 1100 E. Sheldon Street, Prescott, AZ 86301

East Valley Support Group:

- 22 March 2012 at 6pm
- 24 May 2012 at 6pm
- 28 June 2012 at 6pm

MFU-AI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR MILITARY SPOUSES



**Introducing a scholarship for spouses of
Armed Forces members.**

Military Families United—The Art Institutes Scholarship Program



The Art Institutes schools and Military Families United (www.militaryfamiliesunited.org) are offering the spouses of Armed Forces members an opportunity to accomplish their education goals through the Military Families United-The Art Institutes Scholarship Program. This combined effort forges greater awareness of the service our men and women in uniform and their spouses unselfishly render. Apply today. You could bring your creative ideas to life tomorrow.

Scholarship highlights

Four scholarships at \$25,000 each (equaling \$100,000 total) per year will be offered. Need-based recipients are eligible for a one-time only award in the form of a \$25,000 tuition scholarship to study at one of The Art Institutes schools.

Who is eligible?

- This scholarship will be awarded to spouses of Armed Forces members including Active Duty, Active National Guard and Reserve, and surviving spouses of those killed in the line of duty post 9/11.
- You must be a United States citizen or permanent resident.
- You must provide a current Statement of Service for the qualifying Active member, signed by (or by the direction of) the adjutant, personnel office, or commander of the unit or higher headquarters or a copy of the Report of Casualty (DD Form 1300) for surviving spouses of those killed in the line of duty post 9/11.
- You must be a new applicant (not a current or former student at an Art Institute school) for admission to an undergraduate degree program at one of The Art Institutes schools. Not all degree levels and programs are offered at every location.
- You must meet the current admissions requirements of The Art Institutes school you wish to attend and be accepted into a selected degree program. Admissions requirements can be found on The Art Institutes website at www.artinstitutes.edu/new-students
- In addition, you must have a high school degree (or equivalent) demonstrating a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average (based on a 4.0 scale), a 2.5 cumulative grade point average (based on a 5.0 scale), or the equivalent. **Transcripts must be mailed. Complete address available in official rules.**
- You must submit a minimum 250-word and maximum 800-word essay indicating your financial need, long-range goals, work experience, volunteer or community involvement, educational achievements, special circumstances that create financial need, and/or any additional comments on how the scholarship will assist you in meeting future endeavors.



How to apply

- Visit militaryspouses.artinstitutes.edu for the scholarship's online application process, and for complete entry details, official rules, and terms and conditions.

Entry Deadline.

We encourage you to take advantage of this scholarship opportunity. Entries accepted beginning **January 30, 2012 at 12 a.m. PST through March 15, 2012 at 11:59 p.m. PST.**

A GOLD STAR MOM

A Gold Star Mom stands proud and tall
For her Hero sacrificed all.

A Gold Star Mom sheds many tears,
As reality overcomes her fears.

A Gold Star Mom's heart aches so deep,
Her Loved One now in the hands of God to keep.

A Gold Star Mom must carry on,
The legacy of her Brave One gone.

A Gold Star Mom is now the voice,
For the one who stood for freedom's choice.

A Gold Star Mom political is not,
It is for "Country" her Warrior fought.

A Gold Star Mom stands proud and tall,
For her Hero gave the Greatest Sacrifice of all.

In Loving Memory of my Son,
SGT John "Kyle" Daggett, USA
Ranger (Airborne) Wounded

5/01/2008 Died 5/15/2008 Sadr
City, Baghdad, Operation Iraqi
Freedom

And All Who Gave the Ultimate
Sacrifice for Freedom!

-Colleen Czaplicki

WOUNDED MARINE PATRIOT DINNER

Sunday March 11, 2012 Military Family Support Group (MFSG) will once again host 23 to 25 wounded Marines from Balboa Medical Center and Camp Pendleton, San Diego who are visiting the Valley for some much-needed rest and relaxation. These Marine's will return to their rehab when they return to San Diego. All of these Marine Hero's have been wounded in combat either in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Although still recovering from injuries, the Marines are able to travel and will enjoy a respite from the military medical center environment. They are being brought here by "Strikeouts for Troops," a non-profit organization founded by San Francisco Giants Pitcher Barry Zito, whose team trains in Scottsdale. The Marines will be treated to several Spring Training games as part of their time in the Valley.

MFSG is hosting the dinner at the El Zaribah Shriners Temple located at 552 N. 40th st, Phoenix, AZ 85008. This is off the 202 Freeway and 40th st. or 40th st and Van Buren. The dinner and program will commence at 6PM. The dinner and

venue is sponsored by the El Zaribah Shriners Temple. Many thanks and appreciation to the Shriner's for their willingness to sponsor this event and dinner.

We will have great guest speakers, as well as other awesome things going on that you won't want to miss. We will also be paying tribute to all our branches of the Military. The evening will be one to remember. Everyone is welcome.

There will be a \$10.00 donation at the door for all in attendance. You can get tickets for this in advance by contacting me at jsbphx@gmail.com.

"Strikeouts for Troops," which is celebrating its sixth anniversary this year, provides the comforts of home and lifts the spirits and morale of wounded troops during treatment at military hospitals nationwide. Since its inception, "Strikeouts for Troops" has raised nearly \$2 million dollars through contributions from more than 60 professional baseball players, fundraising events, fan donations and corporate partnerships. More information on the group can

be found at
www.strikeoutsfortroops.org.

More information on the Military Family Support Group, a Valley based organization, can be found at www.militaryfamilysupportgroup.org.

I hope you will all plan on attending and supporting these American Heroes. Please feel free to pass this on to anyone who might be interested in attending.

Viana Bruce
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AMERICAN LEGION LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

American Legion Legacy Scholarship

The American Legion wants to ensure higher education is a possibility for children whose parents have been killed while serving our country. It is a civic duty to provide them with equal opportunity. The Legion offers its support through the Legacy Scholarship Fund.

There has been a significant shortfall in government money allotted to children with parents lost in war. The government gives these children a college education stipend worth slightly more than \$37,000. Taking into account living expenses, textbooks and rising tuitions, this benefit covers only a little more than half of college costs in the most affordable situation. And the price tag of higher learning will only continue to rise. The most conservative estimates predict a 5-percent annual increase, meaning that in 16 years the most affordable college education will be \$132,800. Obviously, military compensation will not keep up.

Scholarship eligibility

Those eligible to apply for the scholarship shall be the child/children or legally adopted child/children or a child of a spouse by a prior marriage or dependent child as defined by the United States Armed Services of active duty United States military and National Guard, and military reservists who were federalized and die on active duty on or after September 11, 2001. The applicant must be a high school senior or high school graduate to apply for the scholarship. Scholarship is for undergraduate study at an accredited institution of higher education within the United States.

Aid offered

The amount of aid and number of awards depend upon the income derived from the trust. Scholarship recipients may reapply for the award.

Application

www.legion.org/scholarships/legacy

Deadline

Application must be post marked no later than April 15. For information about additional American Legion scholarships and college financial aid, review the **Scholarships page** or direct inquires to:

The American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund
Charles Graybiel
Program Coordinator
(317) 630-1212

GOLD STAR WIVES OF AMERICA

Gold Star Wives of America will be honored nationwide for their service to Military Widows and Widowers of those who have died on Active Duty or as the result of service disabilities. April 5, 2012 will be the 67th Anniversary of the organization and Governor Brewer will honor Gold Star Wives of America and Gold Star Wives/Widowers at 9 a.m. in the Executive Tower on the 8th Floor of the Capital. A light breakfast will be served. Parking is available on the west side of the Capital or on the East Side in Wesley Bolin Plaza, both located at 1700 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007. Please RSVP by April 1, 2012 to:

Kathy Upchurch
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Email: ksupchur@cox.net

or

Patty Termini
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Email: body49@g.com

PIESTEWA MEMORIAL EVENT

March 22-23, 2012

9TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL EVENT HONORING OUR FALLEN

The first major loss of military lives in the war in Iraq officially known as Operation Iraqi Freedom occurred nine years ago. We gather annually to continue the expression of unity and love. We celebrate the lives of our fallen. We recognize and thank our veterans for serving our Country. We recognize families for their sacrifices to our Country.

U. S. Army Spc. Lori Ann Piestewa along with 6 others became a prisoner of war. She died in captivity. Lori is first Native American woman killed serving our Country as well as first woman in the U.S. armed forces killed.

Gold Star Families, former POWs, Veterans, Tribal Leaders and Supporters will join as family to remember . . .

1. Reception/Dinner/Candlelight Vigil for Families of Our Fallen Heroes



WHEN: Thursday, March 22
TIME: 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
WHERE: Arizona Christian University
2625 E. Cactus, Phoenix, AZ

2. Sunrise Memorial Service

March 23 is nine years from the date that those serving in United States Army 507th Maintenance Company, Army Forward Support Battalion 3d Infantry Division, North Carolina Marines of Task Force Tarawa and Air Force 347th Rescue Wing 41st and 38th Rescue Squadrons gave their lives in the name of freedom. The lives of eleven Soldiers, eighteen Marines and six Airmen ended on March 23, 2003. Their sacrifice is remembered.

WHEN: Friday, March 23
TIME: 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
WHERE: Piestewa Peak Apache Ramada, Phoenix
Parking is limited; please carpool. Shuttle available. Coffee/food will be served. Traditional or military dress encouraged. All events are open to the public!



Evening Reception RSVP & General Info:
Color Guard Units POC:

Julia Barsell
Josie Delsi

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Hotel: Radisson Hotel Phoenix Center, 3600 N. 2nd Ave, 602 604-4906. Includes hot breakfast. Ask for Piestewa Memorial Event rate, good until March 15.



SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES (SOS)

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The mission of the Army SOS program is to embrace and reassure the Survivors that they are linked to the Military family through a unified support program that enables them to remain an important part of the military for as long as they desire. SOS Coordinators assist Survivors whose loved one served on Active Duty, National Guard, Reserves, Retirees and Veterans of any Military Service.

Survivor Outreach Services (SOS) is an Army-wide program that provides dedicated and comprehensive support services to survivors of deceased Soldiers. The program standardizes casualty assistance services and policies across the Army and provides additional staffing at Casualty Assistance Centers (CACs), Army Community Service (ACS) Centers, and Army National Guard (ARNG) and US Army Reserve (USAR) Family Programs.

We're on the Web!
<http://www.azguard.gov>

RESOURCES

Education Websites

Army Family Programs
www.arfp.org

Beaumont Foundation of America www.bmtfoundation.com

Camp Solari
www.solarihospice.com/go2/solari-kids-camp.cfm

Child Grief Education Association www.childgrief.org/

Children of Fallen Heroes
www.cfsrf.org

Children of Fallen Patriots Foundation
www.fallenpatriots.org

Children of Fallen Soldiers Relief Fund
www.cfsrf.org

Fisher House Foundation
www.fisherhouse.org

Folds of Honor Foundation
www.foldsofhonor.org

Scholarships

Spouse/Caregiver Spring 2012 Scholarship
<http://www.hopeforthewarriors.org/scholarelig.html>

FRY Scholarship
http://www.gibill.va.gov/documents/factsheets/fry_scholarship.pdf

Pat Tillman Scholarship
http://www.gibill.va.gov/resources/education_resources/Tillman_Scholarship.html

<http://www.foldsofhonor.org/scholarships>

<http://militaryscholar.org/index.html>

DRS Scholarship Fund for Children of Fallen Guardsmen

<http://www.ngef.org/index.asp?bid=300>

(The DRS Scholarship assists the college-bound children of Fallen National Guardsmen. Those selected will receive four grants of \$6,500 during each year they attend school. Application deadline is 30 June 2012.)